



KUDOS TO DR. SHIRLEY FLOURNOY
Submitted by TAY Systems of Care

The Center for the Assessment and Prevention of Prodromal States (CAPPS) family-focused treatment for youth at high risk for psychosis is a new community-defined evidence-based practice that provides community-based mental health services for transition age youth (TAY), ages 16-25. This family-focused therapy model is funded under the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) plan. PEI-funded programs serve individuals and their families with interventions appropriate to measurably improve a mental health problem very early in its manifestation. Early intervention services may avoid the need for more extensive mental health treatment or to prevent a mental health problem from getting worse. The CAPPS model (based on the Family-Focused Treatment Model) is developed for TAY who are experiencing or in danger of experiencing their first psychotic break. The CAPPS' proposal was recently approved for \$3.5 million by Los Angeles County Counsel for implementation countywide. The CAPPS' proposal was written by Dr. Shirley Flournoy, TAY Division Mental Health Clinical Program Head, who will oversee all aspects of the CAPPS PEI program.